

## GOD'S WONDERFUL PROMISE!

"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit." (Ps.32:1-2 NIV) What a great and wonderful place to be in with God. **The apostle tells us that this man is declared righteous before God, that he stands in God's grace; his unmerited favor.** Wow! Also some day he will share God's eternal glory. (Ro.5:1-2)

Who can have all of this? **It is given freely to the person who honestly confesses his sin to God and puts his trust in Christ as his savior and Lord.** It is the free gift of God! But this is the beginning of a walk and new life with Christ. It is a walk of faith (trust), so God gives an exceeding great promise in the same psalm to this person that has turned to him. **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."** (verse 8)

After our sins are forgiven and we are standing in God's favor, he does not leave us to our own devices. Jesus said, "I will not leave you as an orphan." (Jn.14:18) He continues on working toward his purpose for our lives. He is the author and finisher of our faith. God now gives us this encompassing promise to teach, guide, give wisdom and keep his eye on us continually. We truly need that help from this one who loves us. This is a verse that all of us need to stop and give time for meditation.

But it does not stop there; he makes a statement about God's faithfulness. "...the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him." (same psalm, verse 10) We get a first person promise from God and then a clear statement from the Psalmist of God's unfailing love toward us.

What does this challenge us to do? To the Christian, he should trust God completely with his life. To the person who has not yet come to Christ, he should quickly trust Christ as his Lord and set his heart to wholly follow the Lord. I urge you to trust and do.